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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

SENATE.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minn, presented the petition of Dr. Gunn, of Colorado, recommending strict quarantine as a preventive of the spread of the cholera in the country, which was referred to the committee on commerce.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Me., presented a petition for a revision of the tax on agricultural implements, which was referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. COWAN, of Penn., presented a petition asking that an amendment to the Constitution be adopted to prevent any State from making distinction in the rights of naturalized citizens, which was referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. WILSON, of Mass., introduced a bill to compensate the State of Kansas for expenses incurred in the recent Indian war, which was referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, introduced a bill to reimburse the State of Kansas for expenses incurred in repelling the late Indian invasion, which was referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Mr. DIXON, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported a joint resolution for the Postmaster General to lay before the Senate all information in his gift, and relative to practicability and expediency of establishing the proposed lines, in connection with the mail routes, and the cost of improvements and repairs of the steamers.

Mr. BROWN spoke at some length on the subject, laying the establishment of Government steamships thereon, on the ground that it would be with a military end of establishing an new route in the interest of the Government, and that the Government might be required to furnish transportation for troops and supplies, and to enable the Government to have the control of the mail, and to secure the transportation of the mail at cheaper rates than it now pays.

Mr. DOOLITTLE said he was not prepared to vote for the proposition, but thought it was a matter of great importance to the country, and that the Government should be prepared to furnish the means of transportation for troops and supplies, and to have the control of the mail, and to secure the transportation of the mail at cheaper rates than it now pays.

Mr. FESSENDEN, who moved to take up the bill to prevent the importation of Coolies, which was over till the States are entitled to representation.

Mr. SHERMAN (Ohio) said that on the ground that it could not be fairly and calmly discussed at present, he would move to postpone the bill, and moved to postpone it to the 22d of March.

Mr. CONNESS said that the Senate had not been in favor of the admission of Southern representatives, which was the reason why he had not voted on the question of postponement.

After executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. WARD, of New York, presented the joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of New York, asking legislation calculated to improve and facilitate the commerce of the State of New York, recommending a grant of public lands to aid the construction of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. COBB, of Wisconsin, on leave, introduced a joint resolution from the Legislature of Wisconsin relative to the payment of the bounties for the repeals of the Massachusetts prior, delayed to the year current.

Mr. WASHBURNE was then allowed to address the House in front of his claims to a seat. Twelve his remarks he sent to the desk a newspaper from which the Cook county (Ill.) Democrat, signed R. W. Ryan, addressed to Dan'l W. Voorhees, relating to the sale of Government arms.

Mr. VOORHEES, interrupting the contestant, said whoever stated that he was engaged in selling Government arms was a liar and a scoundrel. He (Voorhees) had never been in the business, or had belonged to any secret political society, and whoever stated that he was engaged in selling Government arms was a liar and a scoundrel.

After further debate by Messrs. HOWE and BLAIR, Mr. DOOLITTLE offered a resolution to correct the statement that the President had sent a message to Congress, in which he had pledged himself to veto the Freedmen's Bureau bill, which was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. BLAIR, of Mass., objected, he said, on parliamentary grounds, and not on the merits of the question, that the resolution of the Senate had been referred to the committee on a decision not yet given by the Speaker of the House.

Mr. VOORHEES then proceeded with his argument, and concluded by saying that the Indians were not citizens, and that the Indians were taken by the contestant was owing to being prevented from voting in the counties outside of the city of New Haven, Ind. In other words, because he was not allowed to vote in Indian, he was not entitled to the power to do it. He was not entitled to the power to do it. He was not entitled to the power to do it. He

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THE CITY.

A TIME TO PRESERVE THE PEACE.—The Democratic party, in convention assembled, will hold on Monday evening, in the hall of the German Workingmen's Association, on the corner of Wells and Randolph streets, to express their indignation at the veto of President Johnson on the Freedmen's Bill.

A time fitting it then that the friends the reconstruction policy of Congress, as opposed to that policy which proposes to place the reins of government back to power, will be held at an early day. We understand preparations for such a meeting are now being perfected. The time and place will be announced hereafter.

CATHOLIC CLOTHING.—The owners of Catholic clothing, recently seized by the Chicago authorities, can get the same by paying the appraised value. The names of all who do not avail themselves of the opportunity will be shortly published in a few days.

WASHINGTONIAN HOME.—The following ladies have been appointed at Ladies' Committee for the Washingtonian Home for the ensuing year: Mrs. Wm. H. Ranch, Mrs. L. J. Farwell, Mrs. L. A. Cowdery, Mrs. Nellie Warner, Mrs. Wm. Hodges, Mrs. G. H. Bowman, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Mrs. Dr. Boynton, Mrs. E. W. Sanford, Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, Mrs. A. C. Gibbs, Mrs. Dr. Ayer, Mrs. J. P. Foster, Mrs. B. A. Hulse.

HOTEL.—A Lanfford writes that he is opposed to expenditure even, and is willing to vote every penny of property he owned at its per cent with (plus or minus, insurance and repairs) on the real value. The meeting public will be delighted to know that there is one rich man in existence, and regret that he is not able to pay the taxes on the land he owns. We hope from the Mr. James now exerted there are not many such in the city.

FUNEL DECOLLAS, the celebrated colored orator, has engaged to deliver his lecture on "The Assassination and its Consequences," on Wednesday evening next, in Smith's Hall. We understand that the lecture is to be delivered by request, and is equal to any of his most great efforts. Any such lecture is sure to be a treat to all of the productions of which men which have been delivered in the cities. We hopeful for him a crowded house.

RECEIVED DUTY.—Chief Fire Marshal Harris, having completely recovered from the effects of the fall he received while discharging his duties at a fire in Randolph street, some months ago, has again resumed his duties as the head of the Fire Department. This announcement will be gladly received by all our citizens, for there is no more popular Mr. Harris as the presidentship of a good fireman. The Chief's office in future will be room No. 5, over 56 Wells street.

REMARK.—A few days since we announced the escape of Jos. Brown, the convicted burglar, from the Tombs, We, jail. It appears that immediately after his escape he visited his home in Milwaukee. He was jealous of his wife's family, whom he was arrested with his wife, on Wednesday, by one of the Chicago detectives, who was sent for by the chief of this city yesterday. It is likely that he will be closely watched in future, as this is his third escape.

THE UNION PARK TRACTORY INCIDENT will be held on Thursday evening next, at St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Union Park. Programme: 1. Solo by Mr. Hayden. 2. Reading by Mr. Hayden of a Bible lesson, Rev. J. H. Vincent. 3. Hymn accompanied and Mrs. Hayden. 4. Chorus: Still to 5. Three minutes' exercise of our memories. 6. Collection in promoting the Sunday school work. Teachers and all other friends are invited to attend.

I. O. OF G. T.—At a regular meeting of Union Degree Lodge No. 1, I. O. of G. T., held in their hall corner of Clinton and Randolph streets, the following officers were installed: Chas. Hamilton, C. T.; Mrs. Jos. Parker, V. T.; Mrs. Mary Hamilton, Secretary; Mrs. Jos. Parker, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Jackson, Chaplain; Mrs. Charles Dagget, Marshal; Mrs. Jos. Parker, Guard; Mrs. Jos. Parker, Sentinel; Mrs. Stuart, W. D. T.; A. Adams, W. D. T.; Mrs. Wm. Stuart, W. D. T.; A. Adams, W. D. T.; Mrs. Kate Rumsey, D. D. M.; Mrs. Arnold, W. D. G. T.; Charles Parsons, W. D. G. T.

BURST UP.—An exchange says: "Rev. Dr. Dennet, one of the leading clergymen of the Dutch Church, left a very eligible charge in Newark to settle in Chicago. One of the main reasons for his Newark was that he had ten years labor in form congregation, of which the congregation was about. Not also! Starry wealth, like material, will take to itself the wings of the eagle and fly away pass (language). In which were his clothes and sermons, I know not, but he left them behind.

CHURCH OPENING.—The society recently organized on the North Side under the name of the "The United Presbyterian Church," expect to open their new house of worship, on the corner of Sedgwick street between Franklin and Wells streets, on next Sabbath day. They will be happy to see their friends the day as follows: Morning service at 10½ o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. John Kelso, D. D., of Pittsburgh. Sabbath School service to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Dennet, of Chicago. Afternoon, spiritual service at 3½ o'clock, by Dr. Harper. All are invited to attend. Seats free.

FIRE ALL SEASONS.—THE GATES WEEK WITHOUT SCREENS.—We formerly mentioned the purchase of an institution Messrs. Lee & Howard, of Room No. 16 Swing Block, are preparing to manufacture, in the product of which, we learn, is the tender and gauze of building. These gentlemen have established a manufactory for a new and valuable article of manufacture, which, we learn, is the Wire Gauze Window Screens, or, rather the Gauze Wire Screen, for the street while they neither obstruct vision or ventilation. It can be placed in the window in a moment. An infinite variety of styles and adaptations to every class of buildings, of such a simple and beauty, this Lee & Howard screens will be one of the best things, with all middle and cheap, very kind character. It is cheaper to supply their place. Lee & Howard are the only manufacturers of this article, and will be sure to be popular for years to come.

TRUTH TRUTH OUT.—The ordinarily quiet little town of Belvidere, Wisconsin, was a few days ago the subject of an intense notoriety excitement. The town of Belvidere is a place of about 1,500 by a party of some thirty wholesale dealers from Chicago, who arranged for a general raffle of the property, and carried the scheme into effect. The city, as related to us, is to the effect that the raffle was a success, the property was sold and perfectly legitimate business there, but a few weeks after the raffle, a number of parties from Chicago visited Belvidere, and, in the name of the law, the property was taken from the parties who had purchased it. A collection of about 200,000 worth of property was thus taken from them, among them was a lot of razors, much boxes and sundries, and a lot of boots, shoes, and rubbers, two or bales of ugly baskets, and other articles, which, we understand, the parties from which on credit. After he had procured his pile he made an application for a bankrupt. Hence the primary action of the Chicago merchants.

MISSOURI TRADE.—The importance of the growth of Southern Minnesota is a matter which should claim the attention of our business men, and induce them to secure a respectable share of the trade which is to be the result of the future. One of the means to accomplish this object is the advertising in the local papers of that State, which gives the direct introduction of the merits of that section, and have a tendency to invite an acquaintance with the business men of the most thriving cities and important points in Minnesota. Which is the case with the Chicago Times, printed and published by the said defendants, Wilbur F. Storey and Alexander Worthen, a certain libel, malicious and defamatory libel, entitled as follows:

"Great charge against a prominent citizen and Judge—He induces a man to enlist in the army on promise of protection to his wife and children. The soldier loses his life, when his widow is disowned by her friends. Is this the treatment of her?—A case of outrageous breach of faith." The article referred to sets forth that in the spring of 1864, that one Francis McMurray, a prominent citizen of Belvidere, Illinois, and a Judge, certain land on the corner of Chicago and Kinzie streets, in Chicago, for the sum of $1,000, and that the said McMurray, believing himself to have been defrauded, commenced a suit against the said Hughes, and an application made by him to the Supreme Court, for a writ of possession; that the said McMurray, being unable to find bonds, that subsequently the said Hughes, in consideration of the premises, induced the said McMurray to enlist, promising to give up the property, and that the said McMurray, relying upon such representations, did enlist, and was killed at Chickamauga; that the said Hughes, with his wife and children, disclaim, executor and have neither the wife nor the two other heirs entitled to the property in question, that the property in question is now occupied by the said Hughes, and that the said McMurray's widow and children are reduced to poverty, and are compelled to beg for a living. The said Hughes, with his wife and children, are the parties who are the defendants in the Chicago Times, and the said Hughes is the Judge referred to in the said libel